

Project of Excellence

Law Enforcement and You

State Plan Objective # 4.1

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Desired and Achieved Outcome(s) of Activity:

When do officers provide Miranda Rights?

- Teaching people in an informal way what to expect when interacting with police
 - Group Activities –
 - ADA Coordinator provides information on accommodations when there is interaction with law enforcement
 - Scenarios – Police officer pretends to pull over a car; where one person is deaf and the other is having a behavioral meltdown

Depending on how big the class is, we break down the class to make 5 or 6 groups. Each group gets one of the statements numbered. We ask them what they think each statement means?



MIRANDA WARNING

- 1 You have the right to remain silent. 
- 2 Anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law. 
- 3 You have the right to an attorney. 
- 4 If you cannot afford an attorney, one will be provided for you. 
- 5 Do you understand the rights I have just read to you?
With these rights in mind, do you wish to speak to me? 

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300 + Self Advocates 20+ Providers

- Self-Advocacy Conference
- Primary Advisory Committee
- Transition programs



Collaborative Partners and/or Leveraged Funds:



- **State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Sequoia Office:** We provide information on resources and help facilitate the activities
- **Fresno Police Department:** They provide information as to what they expect during an interaction with them.
- **City of Fresno ADA Coordinator:** The Coordinator talks about her job and how she can provide assistance to a SA or FA

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What impact did this project end up having on your region?

It's a great way to get to know each other in an informal way with a chance to learn from each other. - SA learn about the perspective of an officer

- Officers learn that it's ok to treat a person with a disability the same way you would someone without.

Thank you!

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